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L1 27 POLYGLYCOL (3A) ADIPATE  
L2 20602 TETRAMETHYLENE OR POLYTETRAMETHYLENE  
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L4 119 TETRAMETHYLENEGLYCOL OR POLYTETRAMETHYLENEGLOCOL  
L5 1 L4 AND 149/CLAS  
L6 1 L1 AND L2

1. 3,956,890, May 18, 1976, Solid propellant binder and propellant; Kenneth E. Davis, 60/219; 149/19.4, 19.8, 76, 108.2

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BSUM(28) The . . . butylene oxide or mixtures thereof to the polyhydric alkanol base. Typical polyether polyols include polyoxyethylene glycol, polyoxypropylene glycol, polyoxybutylene glycol, \*\*polytetramethylene\*\* glycol, polyoxypropylene adducts of hexane-1,3-diol, . . .

DETD(3)

| Ingredients                         | Weight %  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Nitrocellulose.sup.(1)              | 19.8      |
| Nitroglycerin                       | 49.5      |
| **Polyglycol** **adipate** .sup.(2) | 25.7      |
| Tolyene-2,4-diisocyanate            | 4.0 . . . |

DETD(7)

| Ingredients                         | Weight %  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Nitrocellulose.sup.(1)              | 24.8      |
| Nitroglycerin                       | 41.2      |
| **Polyglycol** **adipate** .sup.(2) | 21.6      |
| Polyoxypropylene glycol.sup.(3)     | 6.5       |
| Tolyene-2,4-diisocyanate            | 4.9 . . . |

CLMS(4) CLMS(5) CLMS(7) CLMS(12)

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2. 5,468,311, Nov. 21, 1995, Binder system for crosslinked double base propellant; James H. Godsey, et al., \*\*149/19.4\*\*, \*\*19.8\*\*

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  7. 4,659,402, Apr. 21, 1987, Cross-linked double base propellant having improved low temperature mechanical properties; Theodore F. Comfort, \*\*149/19.4\*\*, \*\*19.5\*\*, \*\*19.8\*\*
  8. 4,477,297, Oct. 16, 1984, Manufacture of gel free nitrocellulose lacquers; Minn-Shong Chi, \*\*149/109.6\*\*, \*\*19.4\*\*, \*\*19.8\*\*, \*\*19.92\*\*, \*\*98\*\*, \*\*100\*\*
  10. 4,381,958, May 3, 1983, Triaminoguanidine nitrate-containing propellants; William M. Howard, \*\*149/19.8\*\*, \*\*92\*\*
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  13. 4,209,351, Jun. 24, 1980, Ambient cured smokeless liner/inhibitor for propellants; Everette M. Pierce, et al., \*\*149/19.1\*\*, 102/290; \*\*149/2\*\*
  15. 4,052,943, Oct. 11, 1977, Coating composition and method for improving propellant tear strength; Donald E. Elrick, 102/291, 290; \*\*149/19.4\*\*, \*\*19.5\*\*, 264/3.6
  17. 4,018,636, Apr. 19, 1977, Soluble binder for plastic bonded explosives and propellants; Paul L. O'Neill, et al., \*\*149/19.4\*\*, \*\*92\*\*, \*\*93\*\*, \*\*124\*\*
  19. 3,954,528, May 4, 1976, Solid gas generating and gun propellant composition containing triaminoguanidine nitrate and synthetic polymer binder; Marguerite S. Chang, et al., \*\*149/19.4\*\*, \*\*19.1\*\*, \*\*19.5\*\*, \*\*19.6\*\*, \*\*19.9\*\*, \*\*19.91\*\*, \*\*92\*\*
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L9            7 L7 AND TRIACETIN
1. 4,909,868, Mar. 20, 1990, Extraction and recovery of plasticizers from solid propellants and munitions; William S. Melvin, \*\*149/109.6\*\*, 264/3.1, 3.4
  2. 4,462,848, Jul. 31, 1984, Slurry casting method for double base propellants; Donald E. Elrick, \*\*149/19.92\*\*, \*\*19.8\*\*
  3. 4,298,411, Nov. 3, 1981, Crosslinked smokeless propellants; James H. Godsey, \*\*149/19.4\*\*, \*\*19.8\*\*, \*\*92\*\*, \*\*94\*\*, \*\*95\*\*, \*\*96\*\*, \*\*98\*\*, \*\*100\*\*
  4. 4,080,411, Mar. 21, 1978, Slurry-cast propellant method; Norval F. Stanley, 264/3.4; \*\*149/2\*\*, \*\*97\*\*, \*\*98\*\*
  5. 4,038,115, Jul. 26, 1977, Composite modified double-base propellant with filler bonding agent; Henry C. Dehm, \*\*149/19.8\*\*, \*\*7\*\*, \*\*11\*\*, \*\*19.4\*\*, \*\*19.93\*\*, \*\*20\*\*

6. 3,956,890, May 18, 1976, Solid propellant binder and propellant; Kenneth E. Davis, 60/219; \*\*149/19.4\*\*, \*\*19.8\*\*, \*\*76\*\*, \*\*108.2\*\*

7. 3,711,344, Jan. 16, 1973, PROCESSING OF CROSSLINKED NITROCELLULOSE PROPELLANTS; Everette M. Pierce, \*\*149/19.8\*\*, \*\*20\*\*, \*\*38\*\*, \*\*96\*\*, \*\*100\*\*

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BSUM(16) Plasticizers . . . triethylene glycol dinitrate (TEGDN), trimethylolethane trinitrate (TMETN), and tetraethylene glycol dinitrate (TEGDN), and the inert or non-explosive type such as \*\*triacetin\*\*, diethyl phthalate, propyl adipate, and dibutyl sebacate.

BSUM(18) The diisocyanates (crosslinkers) used have included toluene diisocyanate (TDI), hexamethylene diisocyanate (HMDI), and a prepolymer of \*\*polyglycol\*\* \*\*adipate\*\*-toluene diisocyanate (PGA-TDI).

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BSUM(4) In . . . modifiers. The casting liquid is typically comprised of an explosive liquid such as nitroglycerin and a nonexplosive plasticizer such as \*\*triacetin\*\* or dibutylphthalate. . . .

BSUM(25) Polyols . . . with dibasic acids such as adipic acid, succinic acid, azelaic acid, sebacic acid, oxadibutyric acid, mixtures thereof, and the like. \*\*Polyglycol\*\* \*\*adipate\*\* is a preferred polyol to be employed with nitrocellulose in the initial slurry of the propellant.

BSUM(26) The . . . The preferred initial slurry contains from about 0.4% to 2.0% nitrocellulose and from about 4% to about 7% polyol, preferably \*\*polyglycol\*\* \*\*adipate\*\*.

DETD(7) Slurries . . . an initial slurry by mixing of ingredients, i.e., a lacquer containing 18-25 cp nitrocellulose and nitroglycerin, additional nitroglycerin, stabilizers, a \*\*polyglycol\*\* \*\*adipate\*\*, . . .

DETD(9) The . . . the 120.degree. F. cure is used primarily to allow curing agent to react with functional hydroxyl groups in nitrocellulose and \*\*polyglycol\*\* \*\*adipate\*\* and thereby solidify the propellant. The composition of each of the resulting propellants is given in Table IV.

DETD(10) . . .

4.35 4.35 4.20 5.80

(12.6% N, 10 sec.)

Nitrocellulose 1.29 1.29 1.29 1.22

(18-25 cp)

Polyglycol 0 5.38 0 0

\*\*adipate\*\*.sup.(a)

\*\*Polyglycol\*\* 5.46 0 5.51 5.23

adipate.sup.(b)

Nitroglycerin 39.70 39.70 39.70 38.85

Stabilizer 0.55 0.55 0.55 0.59

Stabilizer 0.94 0.94 0.94 . . . 0 0

Pb.sub.2 O.sub.3 0 0.85 0 0

Al.sub.2 O.sub.3 (0.1 micron)                      0      0      0.15 0  
.sup.(a) \*\*Polyglycol\*\* \*\*adipate\*\*, hydroxyl functionality of about 2.7,  
molecular weight of about 2400.  
.sup.(b) \*\*Polyglycol\*\* \*\*adipate\*\*, hydroxyl functionality of about 2.7,  
molecular weight of about 4,000.      . . .

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DETD(2) A . . . stiff paste forms. This paste, and 33.3 parts of a liquid casting solvent mixture comprising 14.5% of the prepolymer of \*\*polyglycol\*\* \*\*adipate\*\*-tolylene 2,4-diisocyanate, 84% nitroglycerin and 2.5% 2-nitrodiphenylamine are added to a Hobart vertical mixer and . . .

DETD(3) . . .

\*Ingredient Definitions

NC      Nitrocellulose ("Plastisol Nitrocellulose", 12.6%N)

PGA--TDI      Prepolymer of \*\*polyglycol\*\* \*\*adipate\*\* and tolylene 2,4-diisocyanate ("Rucoflex Polyester, F-101")

NG      Nitroglycerin

DnPA      di-n-propyladipate

HMX(B)      Cyclotetramethylene tetranitramine (Class B) . . .

DETD(25) Illustrative . . . or non-energetic plasticizers which can be employed include all of the well known non-energetic plasticizers for nitrocellulose such as di-n-propyladipate, \*\*triacetin\*\*,

DETD(27) The . . . employed in this invention are prepolymers of hydroxy terminated polyesters and diisocyanates. The preferred crosslinking agent is the prepolymer of \*\*polyglycol\*\* \*\*adipate\*\* and tolylene 2,4-diisocyanate having a molecular weight range of from about 1000 to about . . .

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DETD(5) Casting . . . be mixed with or without one or more low energy plasticizers for nitrocellulose if desired. Illustrative low energy plasticizers are \*\*triacetin\*\*, tripropionin, dibutyl

DETD(14) A . . . flake casting powder having the above formulation with a casting solvent comprised of 46.1 parts of nitroglycerin, 9.7 parts of \*\*polyglycol\*\* \*\*adipate\*\*-tolylene . . .

CLMS(8) 8. The process of claim 5 in which the crosslinking component is the prepolymer of \*\*polyglycol\*\* \*\*adipate\*\*-tolylene diisocyanate.

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BSUM(14) The . . . CMDB binder ingredients which include the energetic plasticizer such as nitroglycerin and non-energetic plasticizer such as \*\*triacetin\*\* to varying extents. Reaction of these polyol coated filler particles, however, with an organic isocyanate in the presence of a . . .

DETD(29) . . .

Nitrocellulose (plastisol grade)                      18.43%

Nitroglycerin                      65.77%

Diisocyanate crosslinker PGA/TDI\*                      10.54%

Dibutyltin dilaurate                      0.005%

m-Dimethoxybenzene 5.28%

\*\*\*Polyglycol\*\* \*\*adipate\*\*-tolylene diisocyanate prepolymer; molecular weight 1000.

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BSUM(24) The . . . oxygen. Representative of the plasticizers are nitroglycerin and triethyleneglycol dinitrate. However, it should be noted that other plasticizers, such as \*\*triacetin\*\*, may be employed in the preparation of the polyurethane composition of this invention for nonpropellant applications. Nitroglycerin is especially useful. . .

DETD(3)

| Ingredients | Weight % |
|-------------|----------|
|-------------|----------|

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Nitrocellulose.sup.(1) | 19.8 |
|------------------------|------|

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Nitroglycerin | 49.5 |
|---------------|------|

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| **Polyglycol** **adipate**.sup.(2) | 25.7 . . . |
|------------------------------------|------------|

DETD(7)

| Ingredients | Weight % |
|-------------|----------|
|-------------|----------|

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Nitrocellulose.sup.(1) | 24.8 |
|------------------------|------|

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Nitroglycerin | 41.2 |
|---------------|------|

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| **Polyglycol** **adipate**.sup.(2) | 21.6 . . . |
|------------------------------------|------------|

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BSUM(12) A prepolymer such as \*\*polyglycol\*\* \*\*adipate\*\*-toluene diisocyanate (PGA-TDI) may be substituted for the nitrocellulose source ingredient and the second portion of toluene diisocyanate

DETD(12) Plasticizers . . . triethylene glycol dinitrate (TEGDN), trimethylol trinitrate (TMETN), and tetraethylene glycol dinitrate (4EGDN), and the inert or non-explosive type such as \*\*triacetin\*\*,

DETD(14) The diisocyanates (crosslinkers) used have included toluene diisocyanate (TDI), hexamethylene diisocyanate (HMDI), and a prepolymer of \*\*polyglycol\*\* \*\*adipate\*\*-toluene

CLMS(3) 3. . . . plasticizer is selected from . . . nitroglycerin, butane trioltrinitrate, diethylene glycol dinitrate, trimethylol ethane trinitrate, tetraethylene glycol dinitrate, \*\*triacetin\*\*,

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L11 6 NENA AND 149/19./CCLS

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2. 5,716,557, Feb. 10, 1998, Method of making high energy explosives and propellants; Bernard Strauss, et al., 264/3.3; 149/18, \*\*19.6\*\*, 19.92; 264/3.1

3. 5,690,868, Nov. 25, 1997, Multi-layer high energy propellants; Bernard Strauss, et al., 264/3.1; \*\*149/19.9\*\*, 19.91, 19.92

5. 5,482,581, Jan. 9, 1996, Low vulnerability propellant plasticizers; Joseph V. Urenovitch, 149/92, \*\*19.8\*\*, 88, 96

6. 5,325,782, Jul. 5, 1994, Insensitive gun propellant; Bernard Strauss, et al., 102/285, 290, 292; \*\*149/19.1\*\*, \*\*19.4\*\*, 19.91

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1. 5,529,649, Jun. 25, 1996, Insensitive high performance explosive compositions; Gary K. Lund, et al., \*\*149/19.3\*\*, \*\*19.1\*\*, \*\*19.4\*\*, \*\*19.5\*\*, \*\*19.6\*\*, \*\*19.8\*\*, \*\*19.9\*\*, 19.91, 92, 105

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BSUM(19) When . . . (nitrocellulose), and mixtures thereof. The binder may also contain 0% to 75% of a plasticizer such as DOA (dioctyladipate or (2-ethylhexyl)\*\*adipate\*\*), IDP (isodecylperlargonate), DOP (dioctylphthalate), DOM (dioctylmaleate), DBP (dibutylphthalate), oleyl nitrile, or mixtures thereof. Energetic plasticizers may also be used, such as BDNPF/BDNPA (bis(2,2-dinitropropyl)acetal/bis(2,2- dinitropropyl)formal), TMETN (trimethylolethanetrinitrate), TEGDN (triethyleneglycoldinitrate), DEGDN (diethyleneglycoldinitrate), NG (nitroglycerine), BTTN (butanetrioltrinitrate), alkyl \*\*NENA\*\*'s (nitratoethylnitramine), or mixtures thereof.

CLMS(18) 18. . . . claim 17, wherein the energetic plasticizer is . . . TMETN (), TEGDN (triethyleneglycoldinitrate), DEGDN (diethyleneglycol-dinitrate), NG (nitroglycerine), BTTN (butanetrioltrinitrate), alkyl \*\*NENA\*\*'s (nitratoethylnitramine), or mixtures thereof.

L13 2757 L1 OR PGA OR POLYGLYCOLADIPATE

L14 29 L13 AND 149/CLAS

L15 8 L14 NOT L7

6. 4,011,114, Mar. 8, 1977, Cross-linked nitrocellulose propellant formulation; John C. Allabashi, \*\*149/19.4\*\*, \*\*19.8\*\*, \*\*19.92\*\*, \*\*20\*\*, \*\*95\*\*, \*\*98\*\*, 264/3.1

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2. 5,500,061, Mar. 19, 1996, Silicon as high performance fuel additive for ammonium nitrate propellant formulations; Larry C. Warren, et al., \*\*149/19.4\*\*, \*\*19.5\*\*, \*\*19.6\*\*, \*\*21\*\*, \*\*39\*\*, \*\*47\*\*

3. 5,240,523, Aug. 31, 1993, Binders for high-energy composition utilizing cis-,cis-1,3,5-tri(isocyanatomethyl)cyclohexane; Rodney L. Willer, \*\*149/19.4\*\*

4. 4,689,097, Aug. 25, 1987, Co-oxidizers in solid crosslinked double base propellants (U); Marvin L. Jones, \*\*149/21\*\*, \*\*85\*\*, \*\*92\*\*, \*\*93\*\*, \*\*98\*\*, \*\*111\*\*

5. 4,531,989, Jul. 30, 1985, Amine bonding agents in polyester binders; Marjorie E. Ducote, et al., \*\*149/19.2\*\*, \*\*19.4\*\*, \*\*19.5\*\*

6. 3,798,090, Mar. 19, 1974, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CROSS-LINKED PROPELLANTS; John C. Allabashi, \*\*149/19.4\*\*, \*\*18\*\*, \*\*19.8\*\*, \*\*38\*\*, \*\*39\*\*, \*\*44\*\*

BSUM(10) The . . . amounts enhances AN propellant performance to levels approaching conventional high performance propellants. Isp of AN propellants with inert polymer binder (\*\*PGA\*\*), energetic nitramine polymer binder (9DT-NIDA), and energetic glycidyl azide polymer binder (GAP) are illustrated in the single FIGURE of the. . .

BSUM(11) Silicon powder of 2.6 and 9.6 microns of average particles size are evaluated in the inert (\*\*PGA\*\*) polymer configuration (see preferred embodiment Example I). Small test motors (2".times.2" and 2".times.4") cast with propellant containing different amounts (1,. . .

#### DETD(3) EXAMPLE I: Inert \*\*Polyglycoladipate\*\* (\*\*PGA\*\*) AN Formulation

##### DETD(4)

| Ingredient<br>(abbreviation) | % by  |             |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Ingredient and Function      |   | Weight      |
| **PGA**                      | Inert polymer binder, poly- glycoladipate         | 6.47        |
| BTTN                         | Butanetriol trinitrate - **plasticizer**          | 18.79       |
| TMETN                        | Trimethylolethane trinitrate -<br>**plasticizer** | 12.59       |
| AN                           | Ammonium nitrate - oxidizer                       | 60.00-54.40 |
| MNA                          | N-methyl para nitroaniline -<br>stabilizer        | 0.50        |
| HMDI                         | Hexamethylene diisocyanate -. . .                 |             |

##### DETD(6) . . .

| by                      | (abbreviation)                                    |             |
|-------------------------|---|-------------|
| Ingredient and Function |   | Weight      |
| 9DT-NIDA                | Energetic nitramine polymer binder                | 8.00        |
| BTTN                    | Butanetriol trinitrate - **plasticizer**          | 17.86       |
| TMETN                   | Trimethylolethane trinitrate -<br>**plasticizer** | 11.90       |
| AN                      | Ammonium nitrate - oxidizer                       | 59.60-54.00 |
| MNA                     | N-methyl para nitroaniline -<br>stabilizer        | 0.50        |
| TPB                     | Triphenylbismuth - cure. . .                      |             |

##### DETD(8) . . .

| Ingredient and Function |   | Weight      |
|-------------------------|---|-------------|
| GAP                     | Energetic glycidyl azide polymer<br>binder        | 8.00        |
| BTTN                    | Butanetriol trinitrate - **plasticizer**          | 18.42       |
| TMETN                   | Trimethylolethane trinitrate -<br>**plasticizer** | 12.28       |
| AN                      | Ammonium nitrate - oxidizer                       | 59.60-54.00 |
| MNA                     | N-methyl para nitroaniline -<br>stabilizer        | 0.50        |

HMDI Hexamethylene diisocyanate - . . .

DETD(10) TABLE I  
DETD(20) TABLE VII

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ABSTRACT: Propellant . . . by curing a hydroxyl-terminated polyether or polyester prepolymer with cis-,cis-1,3,5-tri(isocyanatomethyl) cyclohexane. The propellant compositions also include high-energy particulates and high-energy \*\*plasticizers\*\*. The use of . . .

BSUM(3) High-energy . . . in which is dispersed particulate solids, such as particulate fuel material and/or particulate oxidizers. High-energy compositions typically include a liquid \*\*plasticizer\*\*, such as a nitrate ester \*\*plasticizer\*\*, which

BSUM(4) Of . . . a curative. Examples of relatively non-energetic polyester and polyether prepolymers are polyethylene glycol (PEG), polycaprolactone (PCP), and polydiethylene glycol adipate (\*\*PGA\*\*). An example of an energetic prepolymer is Glycidyl Azide Polymer (GAP).

BSUM(12) In . . . polyester and TIMC as a curative. The propellant composition also contains a particulate fuel material, a particulate oxidizer, and a \*\*plasticizer\*\*. The compositions have enhanced energy relative to similar compositions utilizing N-100 as the curative and . . .

BSUM(16) TIMC . . . invention are propellant formulations in which the elastomeric binder is formed from a polyether or polyester, such as PEG, PCP, \*\*PGA\*\*, GAP, and polyethers. . .

BSUM(18) Substantially the remainder of the high-energy composition consists of matrix material, which includes the elastomeric binder and \*\*plasticizers\*\* therefor. Most polyether-based and polyester-based elastomeric binders are miscible with high-energy nitrate ester \*\*plasticizers\*\*. Nitrate ester \*\*plasticizers\*\* provide substantial energy to the composition, and it is generally desirable to provide as high a \*\*plasticizer\*\* to polymer ratio (PI/Po) as is consistent with required mechanical properties of the matrix. Typically \*\*plasticizer\*\*-to-polymer ratios range from about 1.5:1 to about 3:1. Nitroester \*\*plasticizers\*\* include, but are not limited to, nitroglycerine (NG); mono-, di-, and triethyleneglycol dinitrate, butanetriol trinitrate (BTTN); and ... (TMETN).

DETD(3) Three \*\*PGA\*\*-based propellants were formulated, one using N-100 as the curing agent and two using TIMC as the curing agent. The propellants were formulated with identical or substantially identical \*\*plasticizer\*\* percentages, PI/Po ratios, NCO/OH ratios,

DETD(5) TABLE 1  
Polymer \*\*PGA\*\* \*\*PGA\*\* \*\*PGA\*\*

DETD(16) The required quantity of binder components, including poly(caprolactone) polymer, BTTN, and TMETN nitrate ester \*\*plasticizers\*\*, MNA, and aluminum are added to a warm (130.degree. F.) mix bowl and stirred for 5 minutes. The mix bowl. . .

CLMS(9) 9. . . percent of high-energy particulate material, including fuel particulates and oxidizer particulates, balance matrix material including an elastomeric binder and a \*\*plasticizer\*\* therefore, said binder being formed of a hydroxyl-terminated polyether or polyester prepolymer cured with . . . having a \*\*plasticizer\*\* to polymer ratio of between about 1.5:1 and about 3:1.



BSUM(3) High . . . to other oxidizers. Binders consist of mixtures of polymers that can be crosslinked during cure and nitro and nitrate ester **\*\*plasticizers\*\***. Typical polymers include but are not limited to poly(ethylene glycol adipate) **\*\*PGA\*\***, polycaprolactone (PCP), and poly(ethylene glycol) (PEG) with hydroxyl functionality between two and three. These polymers are cured with a combination. . . and aliphatic polyisocyanates such as Mobay N-100.RTM. with an isocyanate functionality between 3 and 4. Typical nitro and nitrate ester **\*\*plasticizers\*\*** include but are not limited to one or more liquids such as a 1/1 mixture of bis-dinitropropyl acetyl (BDNPA) and. . . butane triol trinitrate (BTTN), trimethylol ethane trinitrate (TMETN) and tri(ethylene glycol)dinitrate (TEGDN), with NG and BTTN being the most common **\*\*plasticizers\*\*** . . .

DETD(4) A typical mix procedure for these propellants is as follows: the nitrocellulose, mixture of **\*\*plasticizer\*\***, polymers (such as **\*\*PGA\*\***, PCP or PEG) and stabilizers are mixed together at 140.degree. F. for three days to form a lacquer premix. The. . .

BSUM(12) The . . . propellant is comprised of a binder of the polyester polydiethyleneglycoladipate, polycaprolactone which functions as a trifunctional polymer for crosslinking, dioctyladipate **\*\*plasticizer\*\***, isophorone diisocyanate curing agent, and triphenylbismuth and maleic anhydride. Solid oxidizers of ammonium perchlorate and ammonium sulfate are employed.

#### DETD(5) TABLE I

##### BASELINE COMPOSITION

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Polydiethyleneglycoladipate, <b>**PGA**</b> (R-18) | 22.79-22.29 |
| Isophorone diisocyanate, IPDI                      |             |
| Polycaprolactone, PCP-0310                         | 3.72        |
| Dioctyladipate <b>**plasticizer**</b> , DOA        | 4.00 . . .  |

DETD(10) Two . . . without bonding agent, e.g., mixes M5.7 and M5.9 of Tables II and III. The binder was comprised of the polymer **\*\*PGA\*\***(R18), a polyester, PCP 0310, a trifunctional polymer for crosslinking, DOA as the **\*\*plasticizer\*\***, IPDI curing agent and TPB and MA as the cure catalyst system. The solid oxidizers were AP and AS.

ABSTRACT: Chemically . . . diisocyanate during propellant cure. A typical formulation contains nitrocellulose, nitroglycerin, ammonium perchlorate or cyclotrimethylene trinitramine, aluminum and a prepolymer of **\*\*polyglycoladipate\*\*** and 2,4-tolylene diisocyanate.

BSUM(2) It is known that the mechanical properties of double-base propellants can be improved by using prepolymers of **\*\*polyglycoladipate\*\*** and tolylene diisocyanate as cross-linking agents for the nitrocellulose. However, unless all of the ingredients are carefully dried and the. . .

BSUM(4) More particularly, the present invention relates to a propellant formulation consisting essentially of nitrocellulose binder, **\*\*plasticizer\*\***, solid oxidizer, metal fuel, and a **\*\*plasticizer\*\***-

DETD(3) Various propellant compositions were prepared using blocked or nonblocked prepolymer of **\*\*polyglycoladipate\*\*** and tolylenediisocyanate (**\*\*PGA\*\***-TDI) in systems containing 0.05 or 0.10 percent water (all ingredients were carefully dried), 0.15 percent water (ingredients used "as received"),. . . blocked prepolymer was prepared by agitating an equivalent weight of m-nitrophenol with an equivalent weight of the commercial prepolymer of **\*\*polyglycoladipate\*\*** and tolylenediisocyanate at 80.degree.C. under nitrogen for 4 hours, transferring the reaction mixture to storage containers and maintaining at 80.degree.C.. . . of ethylene glycol and stirring for 20 hours at 80.degree.C. The propellant compositions were prepared as follows: The prepolymer of **\*\*polyglycoladipate\*\*** and diisocyanate (**\*\*PGA\*\***-TDI) or the blocked prepolymer thereof (B-**\*\*PGA\*\***-TDI) was dissolved in dry nitroglycerin **\*\*plasticizer\*\*** (NG) containing 0.67 percent stabilizer 2-nitrodiphenylamine (NDPA) and 0.45 percent of dibutyl tin diacetate catalyst, and . . .

DETD(4) . . .  
Oxidizer

Ex. No.  
NC NG **\*\*PGA\*\***-TDI  
B-**\*\*PGA\*\***-TDI  
AP HMX Al Catalyst  
H.sub.2 O(%)

DETD(6) In . . . available ingredients without predrying, the use of the blocked diisocyanates of the invention offers the safety feature of desensitizing the **\*\*plasticizer\*\***.

DETD(9) Ingredients . . . in mixtures with each other or with one or more of the above inorganic oxidizing salts. Instead of nitroglycerin the **\*\*plasticizer\*\*** can also be other nitrate esters such as trimethylolethane trinitrate, diethyleneglycol dinitrate, triethyleneglycol dinitrate, 1,2,4-butanetriol trinitrate, bis(dinitropropyl) acetal, bis(dinitropropyl) formal, glycerol monolacetate trinitrate, glycol dinitrate, nitroisobutylglycerol trinitrate, and the like, and other **\*\*plasticizers\*\*** such as triacetin. . .

L17 154 TETRAMETHYLENE (W) ADIPATE  
L18 0 L17 AND 149/CLAS  
L19 5 L17 AND (PROPELLANT# OR EXPLOSIVE#)

2. 5,830,528, Nov. 3, 1998, Intercalates and exfoliates formed with hydroxyl-functional; polyhydroxyl-functional; and aromatic compounds; composites materials containing same and methods of modifying rheology therewith; Gary W. Beall, et al., 427/220; 106/483, 484, 487; 501/141, 145, 148

3. 4,036,906, Jul. 19, 1977, Cured polyurethane compositions containing epoxy resins; Anthony F. Finelli, 528/61; 525/454, 528; 528/73

4. 3,926,919, Dec. 16, 1975, Polyurethanes chain-extended with 2,2'-diaminodiphenyldisulfide; Anthony F. Finelli, 528/288; 524/39, 361, 589; 528/45, 64, 290, 354

5. 3,897,400, Jul. 29, 1975, Polyurethane cured with an aromatic monosulfide diamine; Anthony F. Finelli, 528/64; 525/403, 453; 528/48, 52, 74, 75, 76, 80, 83

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DETD(31) **\*\*Explosives\*\*** formed by nitration of pentaerythritol to the tetranitrate using concentrated

nitric acid are generally used as a filling in detonator. . .

DETD(93) Thermoplastic . . . 3,3'-dimethyl-4,4'-diphenylmethane diisocyanate, 3,3'-dimethoxy-4,4'-biphenyl diisocyanate, dianisidine diisocyanate, toluidine diisocyanate, hexamethylene diisocyanate, 4,4'- diisocyanatodiphenylmethane and the like and linear long-chain diols such as poly(\*\*tetramethylene\*\* \*\*adipate\*\*), poly(ethylene adipate), poly(1,4-butylene adipate), poly(ethylene succinate), poly(2,3-butylene succinate), polyether diols and the like;. . .

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BSUM(21) Various . . . the polyurethane reaction mixtures are to be used to prepare the cured polyurethanes in confined areas which are subject to \*\*explosive\*\* hazards, nonflammable chlorinated solvents can be used to form nonflammable polyurethane reaction mixtures. . . .

DETD(24) A polyurethane prepolymer of one mole \*\*tetramethylene\*\* \*\*adipate\*\* (1000 m.w.), and two moles tolylene (toluene) diisocyanate was prepared . . .

DETD(38) A polyurethane prepolymer was prepared by reacting 1000 parts of \*\*tetramethylene\*\* \*\*adipate\*\* having a molecular weight of about 1000 and 530 parts of 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate. The prepolymer was diluted with toluene to. . .

DETD(52) A polyurethane prepolymer was prepared by reacting 50 parts \*\*tetramethylene\*\* \*\*adipate\*\* having a molecular weight of about 1000 and 50 parts \*\*tetramethylene\*\* \*\*adipate\*\* having a molecular weight of about 2000 with about 40 parts of 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate. The prepolymer was diluted with toluene. . .

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BSUM(4) The . . . with some disadvantageous results for some purposes. For example, prepolymers of tolylene diisocyanate and a mixture of propylene adipate and \*\*tetramethylene\*\* \*\*adipate\*\* when cured with either of ODCB or MOCA have been found to yield

BSUM(20) Various . . . the polyurethane reaction mixtures are to be used to prepare the cured polyurethanes in confined areas which are subject to \*\*explosive\*\* hazards, nonflammable chlorinated solvents can be used to form nonflammable polyurethane reaction

DETD(3) A prepolymer was prepared by reacting 100 parts 80-ethylene-20-propylene adipate of 1800 molecular weight, 200 parts \*\*tetramethylene\*\* \*\*adipate\*\* of 2000 molecular weight and an amount of 80/20 mole ratio of 2,4/2,6-tolylene diisocyanate to yield an isocyanate/hydroxyl mole ratio.

L20 84 L2 AND 149/CLAS  
L21 23 L20 AND ADIPATE#

6. 4,976,794, Dec. 11, 1990, Thermoplastic elastomer-based low vulnerability ammunition gun propellants; Richard A. Biddle, et al., \*\*149/19.5\*\*, \*\*92\*\*

20. 4,234,364, Nov. 18, 1980, Crosslinked double base propellant binders; Anderson E. Robinson, Jr., \*\*149/19.4\*\*, \*\*19.8\*\*, \*\*20\*\*, \*\*100\*\*

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BSUM(14) A . . . Mar. 29, 1988, the teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference. Other specific thermoplastic elastomers include polyethylene succinate/poly diethyleneglycol **\*\*adipate\*\*** (PES/PEDGA) block polymers and proprietary polymers, such as those sold by DuPont under the trade names LRG 269, and LRG. . .

BSUM(15) The plasticizer, if used, may be non-energetic, e.g., dioctyl phthalate (DOP), dioctyl **\*\*adipate\*\*** (DOA), Santicizer 8 polyester by Monsanto, butanetriol trinitrate (BTTN), trimethylolethane trinitrate (TMETN), polyglycidal nitrate, or nitroglycerine (NG). Generally, if an. .

DETD(9) . . .

**Soft Blocks** . . .

poly(ethylene oxide-tetrahydrofuran)

poly(diethylene glycol **\*\*adipate\*\***)

polyglycidyl nitrate

polyglycidyl azide (GAP)

**Hard Blocks** . . .

poly 1,2-cyclopropanedimethylene isophthalate

poly decamethylene **\*\*adipate\*\***

poly decamethylene azelaate . . .

poly **\*\*tetramethylene\*\*** p-phenylenediacetate

poly trimethylene oxalate

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BSUM(14) Polyether . . . invention can be made by the polymerization of unsubstituted cyclic monomers such as ethylene oxide (oxirane), trimethylene oxide (oxetane), and **\*\*tetramethylene\*\*** oxide (tetrahydrofuran). Copolymers made from mixtures of these are also useful. . .

DETD(5) Following . . . intrinsic viscosity of about 0.4 dl/gram, a calculated molecular weight of about 14,000, a polyester polyol which is diethylene glycol **\*\*adipate\*\*** having a hydroxyl functionality of 3, and a diisocyanate crosslinking agent is prepared and tested. . .

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